



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
FOIA Service Center

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RE: FOIA Request No. 19-01285-F

Dear Mr. Feathers:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated April 12, 2019 and received in this office on April 16, 2019. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE).

You requested the following:

- Copies of all research papers, reports, assessments of efficacy, audits or comparable material prepared by Department of Education staff or sent to the department by other parties regarding the automated essay scoring engine — known as AutoScore — developed by the American Institutes for Research.

The staff in OESE informed the FOIA Services Center that, after a thorough search of their files, they were unable to locate any documents that were responsive to your request.

Also, you have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

They can be contacted by:

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Lastly, you have the right to appeal this determination. You must submit any appeal within 90 calendar days after the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right, or the deadline, to pursue an appeal. An appeal must be in writing and must include a detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by a copy of this letter, the initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in resolving your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf).

Appeals can also be submitted by:

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If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center at (202) 401-8365 or via e-mail at [EDFOIAManager@ed.gov](mailto:EDFOIAManager@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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